Ellendale Teachers' Institute, W. E. White, principal, forty-four scholars. Our great want is well qualified teachers for public schools.

ALLEGHANY COUNTY.

We have no college or academy in this county and very few private schools.

About four-fifths of the public school districts had public schools last winter. I think the Legislature should devise some means by which the school fund may be enlarged.

We are well pleased with the present form of teachers' cer-

tificate.

DAVID BLACK, Chairman Board of Examiners.

BERTIE COUNTY ..

There are three academies in Bertie county, with about twenty-five scholars each.

The Register of Deeds reports:

The reports from school committees are very imperfect. The teachers' reports of their schools are also imperfect. The average attendance cannot be relied on when they attempt to give it. Committees don't like to work for nothing, and they discharge their duty carelessly, paying but little attention to the requirements of the law. Officers are sometimes elected who are too ignorant to understandany thing about their duty. Ignorant committees and ignorant teachers manage badly.

BLADEN COUNTY.

The county treasurer says: My report is quite imperfect because the committees do not make any returns. The law, I think, very properly apportions the school money among the several school districts, but it is still defective. Bladen county